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Hon. Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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July 21, 2009

Re: Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC -
 Abandonment Exemption - Clarion and Jefferson Counties, PA
 STB Docket No. AB-976 (Sub No. 2X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the Applicant to respond to the enclosed letter from Allegheny Valley Land Trust sent to the Board on July 14, 2009 (but not yet posted on the Board's website as received), requesting an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use from the current expiration date of July 18, 2009.

Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and rail banking agreement with Allegheny Valley Land Trust, for an additional 180 days.

Please let us know if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,


Eric M. Hocky

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cc: Allegheny Valley Land Trust (by email)

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July 14, 2009

Secretary
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**Re: Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC
Abandonment Exemption in Jefferson County and Clarion
County, Pennsylvania
STB Docket No. AB976 (Sub No. 2X)**

Dear Acting Secretary:

This is a request from the Allegheny Valley Land Trust for an additional extension of 180 days for the purpose of completing ongoing negotiations with Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC for the acquisition of the line for interim trail use/ rail banking. We have been in continuous negotiations. A sales agreement document is currently being circulated for signature and Allegheny Valley Land Trust is securing the insurance required by the agreement. The extension will allow time for a survey of the corridor to be completed.

The property, known as the Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad line, runs in a southwest direction from milepost 41.95 in Brookville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, to milepost 6.0 at or near Lawsonham, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for Abandonment by Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC in STB Docket No. AB976 (Sub-No. 2X).

A Service Date of July 27, 2007 by the Surface Transportation Board stated a 180 day period to January 24, 2008 for an agreement for interim trail/railbanking. Additional extension were granted to July 22, 2008, January 18, 2009 and July 17, 2009. Both parties are in an agreement to request a second extension.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Pittsburgh & Shawmut Railroad, LLC representative Eric M. Hocky, Esquire.

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by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 14th day of July 2009.

A check for the filing fee of \$450.00 is included.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald J. Steffey
on behalf of Allegheny Valley Land Trust

cc Eric Hocky

SCANNED